

What Do We Need Urgently Today and What Are The Ruling Classes of This Country Doing?

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Two major earthquakes, one after the other, have affected hundreds of thousands of people, not only in this country but also in Syria. While thousands of buildings have collapsed and aid has not even arrived to many of them yet, the death toll in Turkey/Northern Kurdistan has unfortunately exceeded 20,000 and in Syria 3500. The numbers are increasing rapidly as the search-rescue from the rubbles continues. The sanctions of the imperialist powers against Syria deepen the current disaster. This earthquake is one of the biggest earthquakes not only in this region but also in the world.

As we have mentioned in our previous statement an earthquake is a natural disaster, but the system we live in and how potential disasters affect humanity and other living beings is entirely related to the way society is organized. We can still lose a lot of lives due to many factors after a natural disaster in a system without capitalism. However the organization of the capitalist system; its form, the social relations, does the exact opposite of bringing humanity in harmony with other living beings and nature. Capitalist product relations-socialization through the gain of private property- impose a political structure and a social organization dominated by this political structure. The great and terrible sorrows humanity faces are all rooted into the organization of this system!

The fact that some people are now taking advantage of this disaster to increase the prices of the goods they have on hand - which are usually the basic foodstuffs we need to live - is not the "isolated" approach of a few "unprincipled" people. **What is constantly pumped into this system is the notion that every crisis is an "opportunity"**. Yes,

